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BUCHANAN OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1976

NO. 14

FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF PATRICK BUCHANAN ARTICLE IN  
BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN SEPTEMBER 14 ENTITLED "KISSINGER  
INDULGING IN 'SELECTIVE MORAL INDIGNATION.'"

"'SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH  
ANY SENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY.'

"IN OUR TIME, THE REMARK IS UNEXCEPTIONAL. BUT THE AUTHOR  
AND THE TIMING WERE INDEED NOTEWORTHY. ACCORDING TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, THE COMMENT CAME FROM HENRY  
KISSINGER ON THE VERY EVE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRIME  
MINISTER JOHN VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

"THE PRIME MINISTER REACTED ANGRILY, AS WELL HE MIGHT. FOR  
THE REMARK OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WAS GRATUITOUS,  
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FOOLISH, INCONSISTENT AND HYPOCRITICAL.

"FOOLISH, BECAUSE IF ONE IS GENUINELY SEEKING SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THE RHODESIAN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA PROBLEMS, ONE DOES NOT INSULT THEIR PRIME MINISTER ON THE EVE OF DISCUSSIONS. INDEED, ONE RECALLS THAT DR. KISSINGER WAS GRACIOUS TO THE POINT OF BEING OBSEQUIOUS TOWARD MINISTER LE DUC THO PRIOR TO NEGOTIATING THE PARIS ACCORDS, FOLLOWING WHICH BOTH WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WON THE WAR.

"THE INSULT TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS INCONSISTENT, BECAUSE DR. KISSINGER HAS PREACHED LOUDEST THE LESSON THAT ALTERATIONS IN THE INTERNAL STRUCTURES OF FOREIGN POWERS ARE NOT THE BUSINESS OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY.

"THE REMARKS WERE HYPOCRITICAL BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO SIT STILL FOR A LECTURE ON MORALITY IN POLITICS FROM THE MAN WHO PERSUADED PRESIDENT FORD NOT TO SEE ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN LEST THE VISIT GIVE OFFENSE TO THE MORAL AND POLITICAL HEIRS OF JOSEPH STALIN.

"OUR SECRETARY OF STATE'S CREDENTIALS AS A LECTURER ON INTERNATIONAL MORALITY ARE NOT ESPECIALLY IMPRESSIVE.

"INDEED, HOW DOES ONE BERATE SOUTH AFRICAN SEGREGATIONISTS AFTER HAVING BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED BEAMING HAPPILY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LATE MAO TSE-TUNG, ONE OF THE GENUINELY GREAT MASS MURDERERS OF THIS BLOODIEST OF ALL CENTURIES? WHAT ARE THE SINS OF VORSTER TO COMPARE WITH THOSE OF THE LATE CHOU EN-LAI, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF MILLIONS OF CHINESE AND THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS IN KOREA, WHO WAS ACCORDED BY DR. KISSINGER A DEFERENCE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED PERHAPS FOR MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA?

"HAS ANYONE ANYWHERE HEARD HENRY KISSINGER, ON THE EVE OF A FLIGHT TO MOSCOW FOR NEGOTIATIONS, DECLARE, 'THE SOVIET UNION'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANY SENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY'?

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"NEVER. THE DIPLOMAT WHO UTTERED SUCH A STATEMENT IN KISSINGER'S OFFICE WOULD BE CASHIERED FOR EXHIBITING A 'DOCTRINAIRE COLD-WAR MENTALITY' AND FAILING TO GRASP THE 'REALITIES' OF THE AGE.

"BUT IF VORSTER IS TO BE CHASTISED PUBLICLY FOR HIS NATION'S SINS, THEN LET US HEAR DR. KISSINGER LECTURE THE SAUDI KING ON ANTI-SEMITISM; LET US HEAR OUR SECRETARY OF

STATE PROFESS PUBLICLY HIS ABHORRENCE OF THE POLICE STATE  
METHODS SOMETIMES EMPLOYED BY OUR GOOD FRIEND, THE SHAH.

"DON'T WAIT UP FOR THOSE LECTURES, HOWEVER. FOR IT IS  
ALMOST AXIOMATIC THAT THE MORE POWERFUL, RUTHLESS AND  
AUTOCRATIC THE RULER IN WHOSE PRESENCE HENRY FINDS HIMSELF,  
THE BIGGER THE GRIN THAT WREATHS HIS FACE IN THE OFFICIAL  
PHOTOGRAPH.

"THIS IS NO BRIEF FOR APARTHEID. BUT THE RACIAL SEGREGA-  
TION IN SOUTH AFRICA IS HARDLY THE WORST SITUATION IN THE  
WORLD. AND WE AMERICANS, WHO HELD SLAVES FOR ALMOST OUR  
ENTIRE FIRST CENTURY AND PRACTICED OFFICIAL SEGRETATION  
FOR MOST OF OUR SECOND, ARE REALLY NOT IN AN ESPECIALLY  
FORMIDABLE POSITION TO BE LECTURING OTHER COUNTRIES ON  
HOW TO HANDLE RACE RELATIONS.

"IN SAVAGING SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS BLACK  
AUDIENCE IN PHILADELPHIA AND HIS BUDDIES IN GEORGETOWN,  
DR. KISSINGER WAS INDULGING THAT 'SELECTIVE MORAL INDIG-  
NATION' WHICH HAS BECOME THE TRADEMARK OF THE UN, AGAINST  
WHICH DANIEL MOYNIHAN INVEIGHED SO ELOQUENTLY.

"AS IT HAS BECOME IN THE NATION'S INTEREST TO HAVE THE  
U.N. RELOCATED OUTSIDE THE U.S., SO IT IS INCREASINGLY  
IN THE NATION'S INTEREST TO HAVE SOME PUBLISHER COME FOR-  
WARD AND ADVANCE DR. KISSINGER THE \$2 MILLION HE IS SAID  
TO BE ASKING FOR HIS MEMOIRS, SO THAT HE MAY RETIRE FROM  
PUBLIC LIFE, BEGIN HIS WRITING AND INSTRUCT US ALL ON THE  
LOFTY MORAL PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE GUIDED HIS CONDUCT OF  
FOREIGN POLICY LO, THESE MANY YEARS."

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